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“The Washington Monument”

Grades K-2

Objective: The student will identify the Washington Monument as an important American symbol and explain its meaning.

This objective covers GPS requirement **SSKH2(e)**
(For teachers outside the state of Georgia, check your local or state education curriculum to see what requirements this lesson plan may satisfy.)

Materials:

- Board/chart paper
- crayons/colored pencils
- Website on the Washington Monument
 - <http://tourofdc.org/monuments/washington-monument/>
- Washington Monument coloring sheet
 - <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/history/us/monuments/washingtonmonument/printout.shtml>
- U.S. map

Procedure:

1. Define the word *monument* for students. The Dictionary.com definition is as follows: “something erected in memory of a person, event, etc., as a building, pillar, or statue: *the Washington Monument.*”
2. Create a word web on the board with the words “Famous Monuments” in the middle. Have students add all the famous monuments they know to the word web. If students do not know of any, add monuments yourself, giving a brief description of each. Point out which of the monuments listed honor presidents.
3. Hopefully, students will list the Washington Monument in the word web. If not, bring it into the discussion, and inform students that they will be studying it today.
4. Using the information from the website listed above, briefly summarize and describe the Washington Monument to students making sure to describe it as an American symbol.

5. Using a United States map, point out to students where the Washington Monument resides.
6. Now that the students have gained an understanding of the Washington Monument, allow students to color it on the coloring page listed above. While students are coloring, have them individually point out on the map where the Washington Monument resides, and have them tell why it is an important American symbol.

Assessment:

Evaluate students on their verbal description of why the Washington Monument is an important American symbol and if they were able to correctly point out where it resides on the map.